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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated May 31, 2002, finally rejecting claims 17-26.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for three months to and including November 30, 2002 is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$160 for the appeal fee is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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